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Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

\* not fewer than 20

\*\* not fewer than 3

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X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$ 100	\$
+	\$ 180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

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X	\$ 50	\$ 0
X	\$ 200	\$ 0
+	\$ 360	\$

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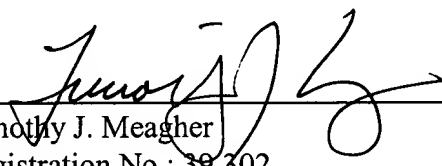
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REPLY

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This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 20, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply.